



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 4 Headquarters

4600 Giant Springs Road

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DECISION RECORD

Transfer of Westslope Cutthroat Trout from Threemile Creek to Cottonwood Creek (Upper Missouri River Drainage)

Receiving Waters:

Name: Cottonwood Creek
Location: T14N, R2W, sec11, 16, 15, 19
County: Lewis and Clark County

Donating Waters:

Name: Threemile Creek
Location: T11N, R5W, sec24
County: Lewis and Clark County

Fish Species Proposed for Introduction: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks propose transferring non-hybridized westslope cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*) from Threemile Creek (located on private land near Helena) to the currently fishless portion of Cottonwood Creek (Beartooth Game Range). Eggs will be collected from spawning adult westslope cutthroat trout and raised to the eye-up stage in a hatchery facility. After eye-up, the eggs will be hatched in remote site incubators in Cottonwood Creek on the Beartooth Game Range.

Description of Public Notification/Review Process: The Environmental Assessment was put on the web (Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Public Notices Website) on 2/10/2009. The comment period ended 3/09/2009.

Summary of Public Comments: One comment was received in favor of the proposed project.

Recommendation: Transfer westslope cutthroat trout as described in the environmental assessment.

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